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## Washington State Farm to Prison Pilot Project

### Summary

The Washington State Department of Corrections (WDOC) has partnered with the Washington State Department of Agriculture to conduct a pilot program to evaluate supplying local food from Washington farms to the Monroe Correctional Facility (Snohomish County) and to the Stafford Creek Correctional Center (Grays Harbor County).

This project will evaluate if such a program will benefit the Department of Corrections, local economies and small farms in Washington State. The WSDA Farm-to-School Program sees the project as an opportunity to assess institutional direct markets for farms and develop institutional procurement models that might benefit similar projects.

This pilot will evaluate a number of sustainable opportunities including:

- Supporting of local economic systems
- Reducing carbon inputs in to food production
- Reducing fuel consumption to bring product to institutional consumers
- Reducing packaging impacts on the farmer, WDOC and our environment
- Encouraging community partnerships
- Reducing offender recidivism
- Providing diversified market opportunities for growers

Farms are encouraged to sell produce in a field-packed, unprocessed state. The purchases will be made using the Seattle Terminal Market Value as a pricing gauge. Farmers will receive a fair market value while reducing production costs and WDOC will perform cleaning, sorting and processing the food within the facility.